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Title:

Method and System for Increasing

Expected Return and Maximum Payout in a Game

of

One

or

More

Players

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 131(a)

Dear Examiner:

- I, Marc Michael Groz, sole inventor in the above referenced application, declare as follows:
 - 1. That sometime prior to December 7, 2000, I conceived of the invention claimed in the above referenced application.
 - 2. That sometime prior to December 7, 2000, I disclosed said invention to Ms. Robbin Frances Juris as evidenced by exhibit A.
 - 3. That sometime prior to December 7, 2000, I recorded a note in my personal notebook describing the essential features of the invention as evidenced by exhibit B.
 - 4. That said note of exhibit B reads "LottaVest Lottery w/ positive ER".
 - 5. That the phrase "LottaVest Lottery w/positive ER" means "Lottery Investment Lottery with positive expected return".

- 6. That I worked diligently to reduce the invention to constructive practice from sometime prior to December 7, 2000 until January 8, 2001, at which time the invention was constructively reduced to practice by the filing of US provisional patent application serial number 60/260547 entitled "Enhanced Gaming System".
- 7. That any lapses in diligence between December 7, 2000 and January 8, 2001 were due to the demands of earning a living. At that time I was the president of The Quaternion Group, Inc. of NY, as evidenced by exhibit C.

I further declare that within this declaration, all statements made of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. I further state that the above statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that any such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above referenced patent application or any patent issuing therefrom.

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Mr. Mary Michael Groz

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